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College

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY, VIRGINIA



ADMISSIONS BULLETIN

This admissions bulletin consists of selected pages from the Hampden-Sydney College catalogue which are of particular interest to prospective students. The new catalogue will be forwarded at your request. It will be available in February.

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## Hampden-Sydney College

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HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE, a liberal arts college for men now enrolling 400 students, has been in continuous operation since January, 1776. Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in the United States, it is located in the heart of Virginia near Farmville.

Its aim is to give to selected young men of ability a broad understanding of the world and man's place in it from the standpoint of the sciences and the humanities; to develop clear thinking through linguistic, scientific, and historical studies; to impart a comprehension of man's social institutions as a basis for the exercise of intelligent citizenship in a democracy; to unite sound scholarship with the principles and practice of the Christian religion; and to equip those with special interests and capacities for graduate study and research.

The campus consists of a wooded tract of 400 acres on which appropriate buildings, valued at \$3,000,000, have been erected. The college is supported by an endowment of \$1,900,000 and by annual gifts from alumni, friends, and the Synod of Virginia.

The College holds membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the Association of Virginia Colleges, the Association of American Colleges, the Southern University Conference, and the College Entrance Examination Board.

Hampden-Sydney is a charter member of the University Center in Virginia, which unites seventeen of the strongest educational institutions of Virginia into a cooperative unit.

In proportion to enrollment, the College has consistently been in the first one per cent of all colleges in the number of graduates listed in *Who's Who in America*. By this standard it currently ranks tenth in the nation. Also on the basis of enrollment it is in the first five per cent of all colleges in the nation in number of graduates listed in *American Men of Science*, and in the number of graduates receiving doctorates in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.



## Admission of Students

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In considering an applicant for admission the administration will give attention to the high school record and to all recommendations. Character and good health are necessary requirements; good scholarship, interest in recreational activities, and leadership in school-life are of considerable importance.

An application blank will be found in the back of the catalogue. When this is filled out and submitted to the College along with the Application Fee, the College will send for the high school record after the close of the first semester. These along with other data collected are appraised by the Entrance Committee and the applicant is notified of its decision.

Freshmen will report to the college on Monday of the first week of the session. The next three days of this week will be used for tests, registration, and other features of the orientation program. Each student will be assigned an adviser who will consult with him and arrange a class schedule. Term fees must be paid to the business manager on or before the time of registration.

Attendance at the beginning of the course is imperative. Also no unwarranted absences from classes are permitted. The only excuses accepted are those of the college physician for sickness or of the dean in extraordinary circumstances, which must be explained to the dean in advance. A limited number of cuts is granted each student. Attendance at laboratories is required.

### *ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS*

- I. Graduation from a state-approved secondary school or its equivalent.
- II. The secondary school course must include preparation suitable to carry on the work at Hampden-Sydney College. This preparation should include:
  1. A thorough grounding in English.
  2. A complete course in Algebra, which will require at least a year and a half and preferably two years.

3. A complete course in Plane Geometry, one year.  
Solid Geometry is advisable for advanced Mathematics.
  4. A complete course in either Biology, or Chemistry, or Physics.
  5. At least two (2) years in one foreign language, either Latin, French, German, or Spanish. This requirement may be waived under special circumstances.
  6. One year of History or Civics.
  7. Three (3) additional units, chosen from Mathematics, Foreign Language, Science, and Social Studies.
  8. The other two, or two and a half units, may be from any subjects credited by the secondary school.
- III. Applicants for admission into Hampden-Sydney are required to take the Scholarship Aptitude Test and to have scores sent to the College. This test is given five times each year at several places in each state by the College Entrance Examination Board. The cost is \$6.00. Complete information may be obtained by writing to College Entrance Examination Board, P. O. Box 592, Princeton, New Jersey.
- The Board schedules the examination for at least six different dates during the year. These normally occur in January, February, March, May, August, and December. The December, January, and February dates are recommended. Applications should be completed and mailed to the Board, with appropriate fee, several weeks in advance of the testing date.
- On certain of the examination days in the afternoon, Achievement Tests are given in English Composition, Foreign Languages, Sciences, and Mathematics. A satisfactory score on any of these tests may be recognized as evidence of the student's ability to pass over the work of the Freshman year in that subject and he will be permitted to enter a more advanced course in that subject. This will help to satisfy the degree requirement in that subject and will allow the student the benefit of an elective which otherwise would not be available.
- IV. Recommendation from the school authorities that the applicant can do college work.
  - V. A health certificate by the family physician must be received and accepted by the college physician before entrance in September.



### *ADMISSION BY CERTIFICATE*

Students are admitted to the College by certificate from an accredited secondary school. Students entering by certificate will be accredited to no class higher than Freshman.

### *ADMISSION BY EXAMINATION*

An applicant unable to offer a satisfactory certificate from an accredited secondary school may enter by passing equivalent examinations. These examinations will be held at the College, and will begin on the first Monday of the session. Previous arrangements for these examinations should be made.

### *ADVANCED STANDING*

College credit is not given for work done in Preparatory Schools. Students must enter the lowest college class in all subjects. If, however, a student can satisfy the head of a department by examination or otherwise that he is qualified to do the work of a higher course he may be enrolled conditionally in the higher course. By completing the work of this higher course he satisfies the degree requirement of the lower course but is granted no hours credit for the lower course. The benefit is that the student may take an elective of interest during a later year. If at any time he shows lack of ability or unwillingness to do the work of the higher course, he may be required to drop back to the lower course.

### *SPECIAL STUDENTS*

Occasionally an applicant for admission has reached the age of maturity without having had the opportunity of securing sixteen entrance units. Provision is made for such applicants, as "Special Students." They must be more than twenty years of age at the date of entrance, must present at least seven entrance units, and must conform to all College regulations. With the advice of the Class Advisers they may enroll in such courses as suit their tastes and their preparation.

### *TRANSFERRED STUDENTS*

Because of the differences in courses and regulations a transference from one college to another almost always involves a loss of

credits. For this and other reasons a change of college is to be discouraged, especially in the middle of a session.

The College reserves the right to refuse to grant credit unless the grades for the courses are higher than the lowest passing grade.

However, in strictly cultural and scientific courses tentative credit will be accorded a student transferring from an institution of the same grade as Hampden-Sydney, provided the entrance requirements are satisfied. This credit will become final upon satisfactory work at Hampden-Sydney. If he shows that he cannot do the work undertaken, the credit will have to be readjusted. No credit will be allowed for the work of a quarter, a semester, or a session taken elsewhere, if the equivalent of this work is taken in course at Hampden-Sydney.

No student from another institution who received credit for less than nine hours work for the term next preceding his application will be admitted. It is the policy of the College to deny admission to a transfer student unless such student is eligible to return to the college from which he wishes to transfer.

#### *FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE*

Financial aid in the form of loans and scholarships is available. The determining factors are academic performance, personal character, and financial need. For information write to the Academic Dean, Hampden-Sydney College.



# Expenses

THESE are made up of certain fixed fees payable to the college and other variable expenses.

## REGULAR EXPENSES

(1959-1960)

Comprehensive Fee .....	\$ 730.00
Room Rent in Dormitory.....	160.00
Board .....	360.00
Total.....	<u>\$1,250.00</u>

### Special Fees:

Late Enrollment.....	\$ 5.00
Re-examination.....	3.00
Graduation Fee.....	10.00

## VARIABLE EXPENSES

Each student pays for his own:

Books (approximate cost) .....	\$50.00
Laundry (approximate cost) .....	55.00
Personal Expenses (determined by student and his parents)	
Laboratory Breakage Fee (for certain courses)	

Books may be purchased at the College Shop. Laundry may be arranged through student agents of local laundries. Personal expenses involving clothes, travel, amusements, dues to organizations, and incidentals are subject to personal habits and means.

The breakage deposit is returnable except for the actual cost of materials destroyed.

## EXPLANATION OF FEES

Student fees cover only about half of the cost of the student's education; the remaining half is provided by income from endowment and the gifts of alumni, friends and the Synod of Virginia.

The Comprehensive Fee covers tuition, materials required in laboratory courses, medical care in the College Infirmary, admission to athletic events held on the college campus, the cost to students of

student publications, Student Christian Association privileges and other activities; but does not cover breakage of college property or the purchase of expendable materials for laboratory courses.

Room rent in the dormitory covers cost of occupancy and use of utilities. Freshmen live in Venable Hall; upper classmen in Cushing and Graham Halls. All three dormitories have recently been extensively renovated and are equipped with steam heat and tile baths.

The rooms are furnished with dressers, beds, mattresses, springs, tables or desks, and chairs. Bed coverings, pillows, towels, curtains, etc., are furnished by the student according to his taste.

Each student is responsible to the College for the condition of his room and is expected to report any damage of college property to the business office. He must pay the cost of repairs.

The Hampden-Sydney Commons, located in Venable Hall, is provided by the college for the board of students. Slater Food Management Service is in charge of all operations. In addition to the dining hall, the Garnet-and-Gray Room is available for banquets and special occasions. The Patrick Henry Room specializes in *à la carte* service for students and faculty and their guests.

All resident students are admitted with the understanding that they must board at the College Commons.

In the Senior year there is payable on February 1st a graduation fee of \$10.00, which covers costs of diploma and rental of cap and gown for the Commencement season.

#### PAYMENT OF FEES

The regular college expenses are payable as follows:  
On or before Registration in September:

Comprehensive Fee.....	*\$365.00
Room Rent in Dormitory.....	80.00
Board at Commons.....	180.00
Total.....	<u>\$625.00</u>

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\*New students pay an advance deposit of \$50.00 upon acceptance of admission. Old students pay a deposit of \$50.00 at the time of spring registration. This advance payment is credited toward regular fees upon entrance in September, and is refundable in the event of withdrawal on or before July 1.



**To HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE**

**HAMPDEN-SYDNEY, VIRGINIA**

Under the conditions set forth in the catalogue of Hampden-Sydney College I hereby make application for enrollment to enter in.....19.....

and I submit the following information in support of my application and enclose herewith the application fee of ten (\$10.00) dollars.

A small photograph must accompany this application in order to assure consideration.

Name in full.....

Home Address.....

STREET AND NUMBER

CITY

STATE

Age:.....years. Height:.....feet.....inches. Weight:.....lbs.

Place of Birth.....Date of Birth....., 19.....

MONTH DAY YEAR

Father's Name.....How Employed.....

Father's College.....Degrees.....

Mother's Name.....College.....

Are you a church member?.....What Denomination?.....

Are you applying or have you applied to any other College?.....

Name.....

Have you ever attended any other College?.....

Name.....

While in School I have been active in:

Athletics

Dramatics

Forensics

Journalism

Music

(UNDERLINE WHICH)

If active in Athletics, which sport? Football Baseball Basketball

(UNDERLINE WHICH)

Will there be any need for delay in payment of your college expenses?.....

If so, please explain.....

Give as references two former or present Hampden-Sydney students or two business or professional men:

Name.....Address.....

Name.....Address.....

Give the names of relatives who attended Hampden-Sydney College:

1. .... 3. ....

2. .... 4. ....

Our Entrance Requirements of 16 units include: Four years of English; at least one and one-half, preferably two, years of Algebra and one year of Plane Geometry; one year of Science; two years of one foreign language; one year of History or Civics.

On graduation from the.....School,  
located at.....

(The Principal's name is.....)  
I will have:

English.....years; Algebra.....years and Plane Geometry.....years;  
Science.....years; French.....years, German.....years, Latin.....  
years, Spanish.....years; History or Civics.....years.

If any of these requirements will not be satisfied in your case, state definitely the reason for your not taking the subject.

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I expect to enroll in the B.A. — B.S. course (Indicate which by underlining) in preparation for Business, Law, Medicine, Ministry, Teaching (Indicate which by underlining) or for.....

.....  
Date of applying

.....  
Signature of applicant

At the proper time after receipt of this application the College will send to the principal for your school record and recommendation. All three are necessary for consideration by the Entrance Committee.



On or before February 1st, 1960:

Comprehensive Fee.....	\$365.00
Room Rent in Dormitory.....	80.00
Board at Commons.....	180.00
Total.....	<u>\$625.00</u>

Checks should be made payable to Hampden-Sydney College and mailed to the Business Office.

### RETURN OF FEES

There is no refund of fees, except when the college physician recommends the withdrawal of a student before the middle of a term for reasons of health. When this occurs the student will be refunded \$175.00.

A refund of unused board is allowed if withdrawal occurs prior to two weeks before the end of a term.

There is no refund of room rent.

### SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS

One half of the value of a scholarship or grant-in-aid awarded to a student will be credited against the first term's charges; the remaining will be credited to the student's account for the second term.

### ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Hampden-Sydney College makes available to the students a group accident policy with the Idemnity Insurance Company of North America. The benefits of this policy (re-imbursement for medical expense up to \$500.00 per accident) are available to a student on payment of a \$12.00 premium. This payment covers the cost of twelve months beginning in September, and protects the student anywhere and everywhere he may be during the year. The College heartily recommends this policy to every parent who does not carry similar protection for his son.

# Degree Requirements

## B.A. DEGREE

For a B.A. degree a candidate must complete the following prescribed courses together with elective courses to total 62 session hours of credit.

	SESSION HOURS
Bible 101-102 and Bible 201-202.....	6
English 101-102 and English 201-202.....	6
Mathematics 101-102.....	3
Ancient Language, Greek or Latin.....	6
Modern or Ancient Language.....	6
Foreign Language or English*.....	3
History 101-102.....	3
Philosophy 301-302 or 303-304.....	3

Any two of the following courses:

Biology 101-102.....	3
Chemistry 101-102.....	4
or 205-206.....	3
Physics 201-202.....	4
or 205-206.....	3

Each student must choose a major in one department or an area of concentration in related departments. Specific requirements are found in the headings of the departmental course offerings.

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\*The English course may be one of the following: English 301-302, 303-304, 401-402 or 403-404.

It is recommended that those students who plan to pursue further graduate or professional study elect foreign language courses other than those in Spanish.



## B.S. DEGREE

For a B.S. degree a candidate must complete the following prescribed courses together with elective courses to total 62 session hours of credit.

	SESSION HOURS
Bible 101-102 and Bible 201-202.....	6
English 101-102 and English 201-202.....	6
Mathematics 101-102 and 201-202.....	6
(or Mathematics 101-102 and 203-204 for Social Science Majors)	
Foreign Language* .....	9
History 101-102.....	3
Biology 101-102.....	3
Chemistry 101-102.....	4
Physics 201-202.....	4
Political Science 201-202 or Economics 201-202.....	3

Each student must choose a major in one department or an area of concentration in related departments. Specific requirements are found in the headings of the departmental course offerings.

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\*The Foreign Language requirement for the B.S. degree may be satisfied by completion of (1) a third-year course in one language; (2) a second-year course in each of two languages; or (3) a first-year course in Latin or Greek and a second-year course in another foreign language.

It is recommended that those students who plan to pursue further graduate or professional study elect foreign language courses other than those in Spanish.

## HOURS REQUIRED

For the B.A. or B.S. degree, a candidate must complete, together with the prescribed work, enough elective courses to aggregate sixty-two session hours of credit. A minimum of seventy-four session hours of credit is required of a student who wishes to take both degrees. The session hour of credit is authorized for a class which meets fifty minutes per week for the entire school year, or for the laboratory which meets two and one-half hours per week for the year.

A minimum residence of one year, the year immediately preceding graduation, is required.

If a student fails to graduate with his class, he may receive credit for not more than four hours of work done elsewhere later. During his four years' course he may receive credit for only 15 session hours in other summer schools, and enrollment for more than seven session hours in any one summer session must be approved by the Academic Dean in advance.

## QUALITY UNITS

The requirement for graduation is 62 quality units. These units will be given on the following basis.

No quality units are allowed for grades between 75 and 79.

For each grade between 80 and 84 one unit is allowed for each session hour.

For each grade between 85 and 89 two units are allowed for each session hour.

For each grade between 90 and 94 three units are allowed for each session hour.

For each grade between 95 and 100, four units are allowed for each session hour.



## HONORS COURSES

HONORS COURSES for Juniors and Seniors who have an academic average of 85 are available in the various departments at the option of the department heads. These courses will consist of independent reading or research under faculty supervision. Prerequisite for such a course is two years of study in that department. Only one such course may be taken in one year and there will be at least monthly meetings with the supervising professor. At the completion of the course either an examination or a 5,000-word paper or both will be required. Each course successfully completed 1) will carry 2 hours credit on the student's permanent record but will be over and above the 62 hours required for a degree and 2) will reduce by one point (or percent) the average required for graduation with honors.

## GRADUATION WITH HONORS

BEGINNING with the session 1949-1950 Honors at graduation have been on the following basis. No course has been failed and these minimum averages are required: for cum laude an average of 87; for magna cum laude an average of 90; for summa cum laude an average of 93.

## PREPARATION FOR MEDICAL COLLEGE

The customary premedical requirements are covered by the following suggested four-year course which leads to a B.S. degree.

FRESHMAN YEAR	SOPHOMORE YEAR	JUNIOR YEAR
Bible 101-102	Biology 101-102	Biology 301-302
English 101-102	English 201-202	History 101-102
Mathematics 101-102	Mathematics 201-202	Psychology 201-202
Chemistry 101-102	Chemistry 201-202	Chemistry 301-302
Foreign Language 201-202	Foreign Lang. 301-302 or 101-102	Foreign Language 201-202
	SENIOR YEAR	
	Bible 201-202	
	Economics 201-202 or Political Science 201-202	
	Chemistry 303-304 or Biology 401-402	
	Physics 201-202	
	Elective	

### PREPARATION FOR LAW SCHOOL

The Association of American Law Schools suggests no particular subjects for pre-legal training but recommends a program aimed at the following objectives:

1. Comprehension and expression in words.
2. Critical understanding of the human institutions and values with which the law deals.
3. Creative power in thinking.

Since many of the goals of legal education are also goals of liberal education, it is not surprising that the most appropriate pre-legal course lies in the liberal arts program. There is no conflict of objectives; indeed, the mental accomplishments outlined above are in the tradition of liberal education. The task of the pre-law student is to achieve them, and Hampden-Sydney College provides this opportunity.

In consultation with his faculty adviser, the student should select specific subjects in the light of his educational background and interests. In choosing his major he should consider political science, economics and history. Perhaps an area of concentration in two of these fields would prove desirable. Whatever the major, some advanced work should be done in one of these fields.



# Student Organizations

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## *STUDENT GOVERNMENT*

Student self-government has long been a cherished tradition and institution at Hampden-Sydney. The present constitution was adopted by the Student Body in 1942. Based largely upon past experience it is designed to meet present and changing needs. Every matriculate of the College is a member of the organization.

## *STUDENT GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION*

1. Student Body officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. They shall be elected by secret ballot from a list of candidates nominated by the Student Assembly. The president shall preside over all meetings of the Student Body and shall serve as President of the Student Council and Student Assembly.

2. The Student Council by authorization of the Board of Trustees and of the Faculty shall have jurisdiction over matters concerning breach of the Honor Code. It shall consist of nine members, two elected from each of the four classes. The President of the Student Body shall constitute the ninth member and shall preside over its meetings. Any student convicted of a breach of the Honor Code is subject to dismissal on notification to the Administration and with its concurrence.

The Honor Code requires that a student shall act honorably on all occasions. Cheating, lying, stealing, violation of written pledges or any dishonorable action constitute breaches of the Honor Code.

3. The Student Assembly shall have jurisdiction over all phases of Student campus life other than violation of the Honor Code. It shall consist of seventeen members and the President of the Student Body, who shall be the presiding officer, but have no vote.

4. The Finance Committee shall consist of three members appointed by the President of the Student Body from the membership of the Student Assembly. This committee shall consult with the

treasurer of the College in reference to the financial budgets submitted by the campus organizations eligible to receive appropriations according to the needs of the various organizations, and make a report to the Student Assembly.

5. The Student Activities Committee shall consist of five members elected by the Student Body at the same time and in the same manner as Student Body Officers. This Committee shall represent the Student Body in policy-making conferences with the Administration or with any department of the College. The Committee shall initiate and help to direct plans for recreational activities. The Chairman of this Committee shall with the President of the Student Body be the student representatives on the Athletic Council.

#### *STUDENTS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION*

The Students' Christian Association is an influence in both the social and Christian life of the students. During the first week after arrival at College the initial S.C.A. reception is held for the purpose of bringing the new men into closer touch with the older students and members of the Faculty, and other receptions are held at intervals throughout the session. The S.C.A. endeavors to make the new men feel that they are among friends from the start.

Under the auspices of the S.C.A., Bible Classes, Mission Study Classes, and Wednesday Evening Prayer Services are conducted throughout the session, and evangelistic services at intervals.

The reading rooms are attractively arranged and well supplied with wholesome games, magazines, and newspapers, both religious and secular.

When a student enters College he is invited to become an active member of the S.C.A.